

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 580

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Montgomery Bell
Academy and their Class of 2002.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the young men who embody the Montgomery Bell Academy Class of 2002 are such an estimable group of students, having distinguished themselves both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, with an indelible legacy of having privately educated and developed Nashville's young boys into exceptional young men since 1867, Montgomery Bell Academy can be proud and boast of its many outstanding graduates, including Tennessee State Legislators, who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the community and have proceeded to make important contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, recognized as one of the finest schools, public or private, in the State of Tennessee, Montgomery Bell Academy has lived up to its high academic standard set in the past and continues to surpass all previous records in regards to academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, the school's Class of 2002 entered the 2002 National Merit Scholarship Program competition by taking the 2000 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, along with some twelve million other entrants from over 20,000 high schools nationwide, and distinguished itself by having forty-three Seniors, or 42% of the entire Senior class, recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; and

WHEREAS, seventeen of those forty-three M.B.A. Seniors recognized by the Corporation were honored with the prestigious award of being recognized as National Merit Semifinalists; and

WHEREAS, the National Merit Scholarship Program honors less than one percent of each State's high school seniors with the designation of National Merit Semifinalists; M.B.A. had seventeen Seniors, in a class total of 104 students, honored as National Merit Semifinalists, an exceptional achievement to behold; and

WHEREAS, the level of success gained by the Montgomery Bell Academy Class of 2002, in this year's National Merit Scholarship Program, is a fete not previously accomplished by any other Montgomery Bell Academy class; and

WHEREAS, these young men of Montgomery Bell Academy have shown that their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor the young men of the Class of 2002 at Montgomery Bell Academy, and their families, teachers, and administrators on this impressive academic achievement, a recognition demonstrating that these students are most worthy of the school's motto, "Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to the Montgomery Bell Academy graduating Class of 2002 our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.